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1. INDONESIA: Dutch Cabinet returns Stikker to Batavia--US Ambassador Baruch in the Hague has been informed by Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker that the Dutch Cabinet has reached a decision which will permit Stikker to return to Indonesia. Stikker told Baruch that, as a result of the Cabinet decision, he is now "much more hopeful" of achieving a "final favorable settlement" of the Indonesian dispute.

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2. VENEZUELA: Government reported confident in crisis--US Ambassador Donnelly has been informed by the Venezuelan Foreign Minister that President Gallegos is confident the government will weather the present crisis which has been caused by the threat of an army coup. Donnelly reports, however, that tension is increasing and that full army alert continues.

(CIA Comment: Although the situation is serious, CIA believes that the Government has a somewhat better than even chance of surviving.)

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